March 31, 1942

Mr. Michael F. Pinto
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20 Vesey St.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Pinto,

Thank you very much for your letters of March 24 and 27.

With respect to the earlier letter: I can, I believe, provide the information you want. I can provide witnesses, and the person who made the committments, then both President of the corporation controlling the magazine and the magazine's editor, will testify if necessary. He will testify to both the fact of the assignment of the work, the fact of my fulfilling the assignment and to the sums of money involved.

With respect to the second letter: somebody's trying to fool either First of you. I have once again checked the summary of these bills I sent you on March 14, and they are correct copies of the bills I left at CLICK, original carbons of which I still have. In addition there is the expense account I filed with CLICK, Inc., on February 17, 1942. Receipt was acknowledged in a letter from the present editor, dated February 23, 1942. Subsequently this person, Allen Chellas, informed me he had forwarded this expense account to Mr. First. On March 3, ~~in a letter~~, I wrote Mr. First about this expense account, so he can not fail to have knowledge thereof. There remains only the sum of $175.00 of which Mr. First might not have knowledge, You will find this discussed in my letter to you of March 18, 1942. Whether ot not Whiting informed First of this, I can't say. This is evidently what he means by "considerable variance" between my bills and your letter.

So far as his "supporting data"is concerned. the record of my correspondence with him proves that he consistently refused to say what he wanted or to accept my invitation that he ask me what he wanted to know, In addition, the new president of the corporation sent word to me that he was satisfied they owed me the money. On March 2 he informed me he was having all the papers sent to him. They have all the papers and information they need.

I am convinced that they are just stalling and trying to chisel. First did invite me to go see him at my expense, but he sent the letter to the wrong address. I think the only other possibility is that the people in the editorial office are witholding information from First, and I doubt that.

Thank you very much for the time and effort you have spent on this. If you want any additional information from me, or if you want me to come up to New York for any reason, I'll be at 122 Lincoln St., Wilmington, Del., from tomorrow morning until the end of the week. I expect to be back in Washington next Monday. The telephone there is 3-2645.

I hope you will forgive this imposition on your time, but I think these guys are trying to pull one of their sly tricks.

Very truly yours,

Harold Weisberg